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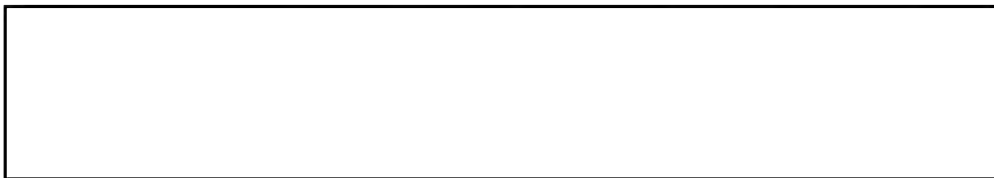
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COMMITTEE ON IMAGERY REQUIREMENTS AND EXPLOITATION

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5 September 1968

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Minutes of Meeting Held in Auditorium

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1000-1330, Thursday, 5 September 1968

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Chairman

MEMBERS PRESENT

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Mr. L. A. Moyer, Jr., State

Col. R. W. Kane, AFNIN

[Redacted] DIA

[Redacted] NSA

Col. C. C. Clayton, OACSI

[Redacted] CIA

Capt. S. E. Sloan, ONI

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CONSULTANTS PRESENT

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Section I (Approval of Minutes, Briefings, and Reports on Operations)

Approval of Minutes

1. COMIREX-M-46 was approved subject to the following amendments:

a. Page 7, para 4, in the third line after "film" delete the comma and add "expended, due to camera malfunction, ".

b. Page 19, para 6, penultimate line, delete wording following "destroyed" and substitute "when they are at altitudes higher than programmed target altitude, such as during the climb-out phase of their flight profile. "

Operational Briefing--Satellite

2. [redacted] reported the satellite schedule and operations as follows:

[redacted]

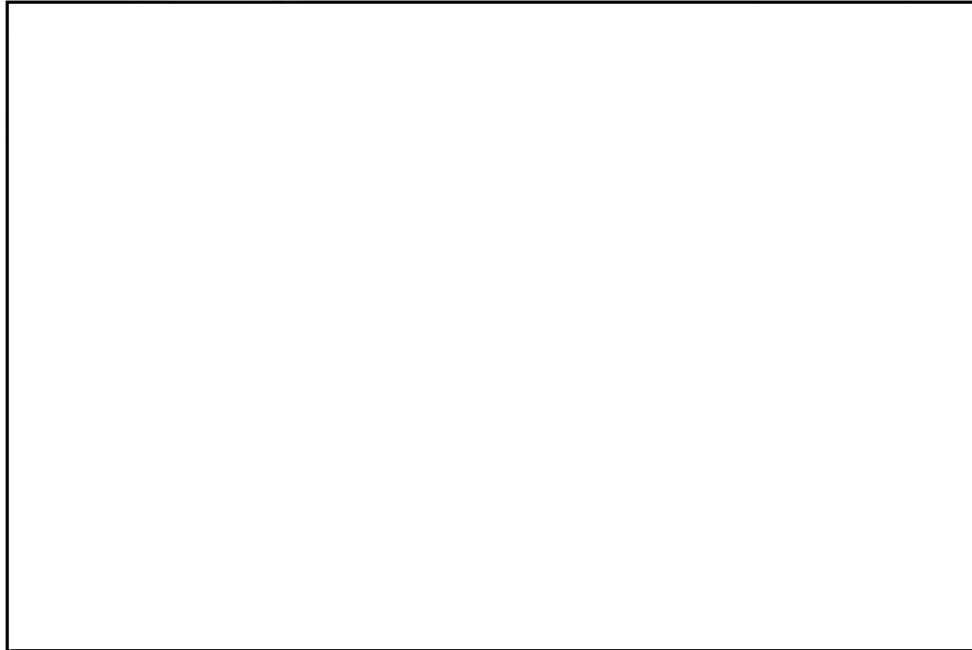
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1048 - Scheduled 18 September 1968

Estimated recovery 1st bucket (8 days) -

26 September, 2230Z

Estimated recovery 2nd bucket (8 days) -

4 October, 2230Z

Film processing/distribution:

Estimated arrival 1st bucket at Eastman Kodak -

27 September, 1800Z

Estimated arrival 1st bucket Priority 1 in D. C. -

30 September, 1600Z

Estimated arrival 1st bucket Priority 2 in D. C. -

1 October, 1600Z

Estimated arrival 2nd bucket at Eastman Kodak -

5 October, 1800Z

Estimated arrival 2nd bucket Priority 1 in D. C. -

8 October, 1600Z

Estimated arrival 2nd bucket Priority 2 in D. C. -

9 October, 1600Z

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Projected stereo coverage:

1st bucket - Land area - 2.95 million sq. n. m.
Targets - Approximately 2,400
2nd bucket - Land area - 2.95 million sq. n. m.
Targets - Approximately 2,400

1105 - Scheduled 30 October 1968

Estimated 1st bucket recovery (9 days) - 8 November, 2230Z

Estimated 2nd bucket recovery (9 days) - 17 November, 2230Z

Film processing/distribution:

Estimated arrival 1st bucket at Eastman Kodak -
9 November, 1800Z
Estimated arrival 1st bucket Priority 1 in D. C. -
12 November, 1600Z
Estimated arrival 1st bucket Priority 2 in D. C. -
13 November, 1600Z
Estimated arrival 2nd bucket at Eastman Kodak -
18 November, 1800Z
Estimated arrival 2nd bucket Priority 1 in D. C. -
21 November, 1600Z
Estimated arrival 2nd bucket Priority 2 in D. C. -
22 November, 1600Z

Projected stereo coverage:

1st bucket - Land area - 2.95 million sq. n. m.
Targets - Approximately 2,400
2nd bucket - Land area - 2.95 million sq. n. m.
Targets - Approximately 2,400

1106 - Scheduled 11 December 1968

Estimated 1st bucket recovery - 18 December 1968

Estimated 2nd bucket recovery - 26 December 1968

1049 - Scheduled 29 January 1969

Estimated 1st bucket recovery - 6 February 1969

Estimated 2nd bucket recovery - 14 February 1969

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Report on Aircraft Activity--Far East

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[redacted] confirmed the continued standdown of FOOD FAIR and IDEALIST/TACKLE operations.

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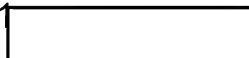
[redacted] then reported no GIANT SCALE activity between 30 August and 5 September but that BUMPY ACTION missions had been conducted as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Mission No.</u>	<u>Areas/Targets</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
30 Aug	Q715	Thanh Hoa Trans Pt; Thanh Hoa RR Bypass; Bai Thuong A/F	Successful, MARS
31 Aug	Q821	Cat Bi Afld; SAM VN 311; SAM VN 070; Haiphong Naval Base; Haiphong Port; Haiphong RR Sta & Yd; Ile De Cat Ba	Successful, MARS
31 Aug	Q825	Barlock Radar; Bai Thuong Afld; Thanh Hoa Wtrway	MARS unsuccessful, drone and film recovered
1 Sep	Q822	DMZ, Rte 1A	Successful, MARS
2 Sep	Q723	Nam Dinh RR Yd; Nam Dinh TPP; Nam Dinh Trans Pt; Bai Thuong Afld; RR & Hwy SW Nam Dinh	Successful, MARS
3 Sep	Q826	Gia Lam Afld; Hwy Rte 5	Drone in water, film recovery unknown
3 Sep	Q824	Rte 1A	Successful, MARS

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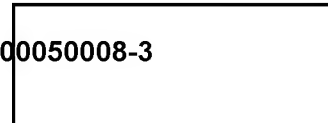


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In summary, six missions successful, one unknown as to results, and none lost.

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4. [] reported on activity against the two priority South China/North Vietnam requirements as follows:

a. Coverage of Lines of Communications (LOC) pertinent to the introduction of Chinese forces into North Vietnam (see COMOR-D-25/207, 4 March 1966). The number of LOC priority targets in South China and North Vietnam remains at 143. For the period 29 August-4 September, no surveillance coverage was reported.

b. Coverage of North Vietnam to detect the possible introduction or deployment of offensive missile systems (see COMOR-D-25/200, 23 May 1967 and COMIREX-D-25.3/2, 20 November 1967) is shown on the grid map at Tab B for the period 22-28 August. No SSM activity was observed. Three BUMPY ACTION missions flown during this time-frame have not been reported.

He also reported on the status of collection against the overall Far East requirement. This is attached as Tab D.

Report on Aircraft Activity--Cuba

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5. [] reported GLASS LAMP activities 28 August-5 September as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Mission No.</u>	<u>Results</u>
28 Aug	G040	Successful, 23.0% coverage (not previously reported)
5 Sep	G041	Unknown

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Mission No.</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
28 Aug	G040	23.0%	89.7%

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6. [redacted] reported that for the 56-day period beginning 11 July 1968, nine GLASS LAMP missions were flown over Cuba and provided 98 per cent coverage of the area. During this period 142 of the 148 targets in Cuba were covered completely on cloud-free photography, not including the most recent mission.

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k. Extensive Logistics Activity, Dong Dang Area, North Vietnam. GIANT SCALE SO47, 21 August 1968 revealed the following high level of logistics activity:

(1) At least 350 vehicles are dispersed along Routes 1B and 4 within a five-nm radius of Dong Dang. The majority of these vehicles are contained within major concentrations: one concentration consists of approximately 70 trucks (two of which have large trailers attached) with at least 40 large, unidentified crates also observed. The three remaining concentrations consist of a total of at least 240 vehicles with nine large unidentified crates, and at least 70 small unidentified crates were also observed.

(2) Portions of Route 4 are being realigned northwest of Dong Dang.

(3) A newly observed Na Leng petroleum products storage area is located along Route 4 and consists of 15 large tanks in open excavations.

(4) Two newly observed road-served, probable caves are located west southwest of Route 4.

(5) A newly observed serviceable short rail spur with four locomotives extends southeast from the Hanoi/Ping Hsiang rail line.

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b. Orbit select criteria for KH-4 Mission 1048 were approved as follows:

(1) Access to whole of Sino/Soviet area including North Korea.

(2) Multiple access to:

- (a) "Holidays" *--Sino-Soviet area (less Mongolia).
- (b) Deployed ICBM Complexes, USSR
- (c) Missile Test Centers at Tyuratam, Kapustin Yar, Sary Shagan, and Shuang Cheng Tzu

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- (e) Moscow
- (f) Peiping

* Subject to appropriate adjustment or weighting to account for climatology.

2. Regarding the priorities for Mission 1048 [redacted] tabled a memorandum addressed to the Chairman, COMIREX which summarized DIA's concern that continued assignment of high priority to certain target categories is an inefficient and unacceptable method of complying with USIB guidance for KH-4 tasking. This memorandum is reproduced as Tab E. [redacted] commented that intensive programming of deploying ICBM complexes on 1104 was expressed to him as a one-time requirement and unless really justified should not be considered valid for 1048. He agreed with [redacted] that, unless overriding intelligence problems dictate, KH-4 missions should be employed primarily for search.

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Report from Data Base Working Group

3. [] reported that a system for monitoring the third-phase basic report production program had been devised. He circulated working copies of a computer format which showed report titles, producing organization, due dates, man hours expended, production time limits, etc. He showed a sample of the computer product which was made possible by cooperation from IAS/CIA, the three military services, DIA, and NPIC. [] observed that if the contributing organizations kept on providing data it would soon be possible for COMIREX to have available in capsulated form an over view of the third-phase program. [] commended [] for his efforts to date and encouraged him to continue collecting and compiling these kind of data for periodic reporting of results to COMIREX.

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Section VI (Other Business)

Discussion of Nomination Form Problems

1. [] commented that this matter has been of concern to COMIREX for too long and that discussions are now emphasizing form and not substance. Consequently, he has arranged to explore underlying philosophy with the DIA and the CIA members and has arranged to do so on Friday, 6 September. [] reported that the members of EXSUBCOM were agreed on the form and its use and requested that COMIREX permit EXSUBCOM to use the form when preparing first- and second-phase readout requirements. [] commented that he would prefer no use of the form until clarification of some of the issues can be accomplished. [] commented that he preferred that details such as items on the nomination form be worked out and thoroughly staffed by the subcommittees and not brought as problems to COMIREX. The Chairman endorsed this view and requested members to obtain detailed briefings from their subcommittee representatives so that their views could be incorporated in subcommittee deliberations in the future.

Status Report on Target Delineation Format

2. [] introduced [] of NPIC who has been designated as Chairman of a task force to look into establishing target delineation formats. [] showed a sample graphic of a delineated target and described the elements that went into defining the target. In addition, he indicated that it would be practical to have target graphics prepared as a by-product of third-phase basic reporting. [] commented that the concept as proposed by [] appeared to be very useful but that he could not endorse it without getting further information as to the costs involved, the need that would be served, and the savings that can be expected. It was agreed that prior to launch of a full-blown target delineation program points raised by [] must be addressed.

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Acting Executive Secretary
Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation

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- 12, 13 OACSI TCO
- 14, 15 ONI TCO
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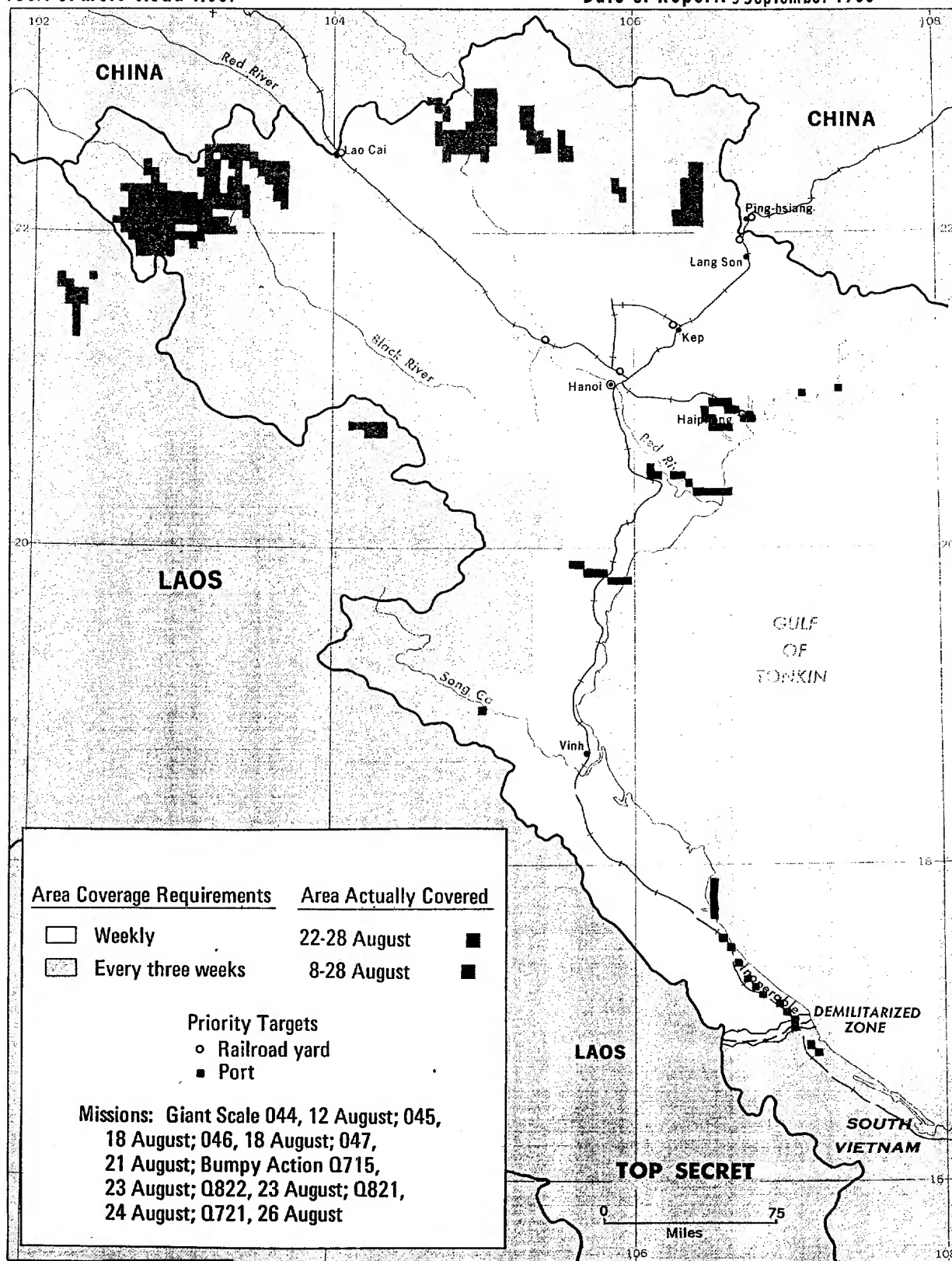
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High Resolution Coverage of North Vietnam (80% or more cloud-free)

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